MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: I claim notice.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Does the member know anything about the place?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: I do not know.

Assignment of land in Muvattupuzha Taluk to Backward Communities.

8. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken towards the assignment of the seven acres of land comprised in S. No. 417 of the Ramamangalam Pakuthi, Muvattupuzha Taluk, to members of backward communities; and

(*b*) if so, the names of the persons who have applied for the assignment?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: (*a*) Survey No. 417/1 is a road poramboke having an area of 7·32 acres; steps are being taken for the assignment of 15 cents thereof for a Bhajanamatom for the Vechoor Pulaya Yuvajana Samajam.

(*b*) President of the Vechoor Pulaya Yuvajana Samajam.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഈ യുവജനസമാജക്കാരല്ലാതേ മറ്റാരെങ്കിലും ഈ സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുതരണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷ ബോധിപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: ഉള്ളതായിട്ടറിവില്ല.

MR. T. T KESAVAN SASTRI: ഈ സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ഭയവായി വേണ്ട നടപടി നടത്തുമോ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: വേണ്ട നടപടി നടത്തുന്നുണ്ട്.

KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): On what land is it now?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: It is on a road poramboke.

Lady Constables.

9. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the lady constables in Travancore?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The ‡ statement is laid on the table.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ബാക്ക്വേർഡ് ഹിന്ദുക്കൾ എന്നു പറയുന്നതിൽ ഏതെല്ലാം ജാതിക്കാർ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടുമെന്നു ഭയവായി പറയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: There are two barbers and one Vaniyan.

‡ *Vide* Appendix IV. Page 70

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MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: അതെ ഫെ നിയമനങ്ങൾ നടന്നിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ഫസ്റ്റ ലക്ഷത്തോളംവരുന്ന കുസ്റ്റ്യാന്വകളിൽനിന്നും ഒരാൾപോലും ഇല്ലാത്തതിനു കാരണം അപേക്ഷകരില്ലാത്തതാണോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S, ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Why did they not appear? The recruitment was open to everybody.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member should not address another member on the floor of the House

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I am sorry, Sir.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: അപേക്ഷകന്മാരുണ്ടായിരുന്നിട്ടും ഇന്നത്തെ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ ജനറൽ കൊടുത്തില്ലെന്നുള്ള വിവരം മെംബർക്കറിയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: I did give notice. This unit was introduced during the thick of the rebellion and the disturbances. Certain communities did not come forward.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): What is the actual work that is turned out by the lady constables?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Their duties are guarding women prisoners in hospitals, arrest and search of female prisoners in lock-ups and escort from lock-ups, doing bandobust at places where women crowds are expected, doing bandobust at camps of distinguished lady State Guests. By the way I may say that these lady constables have earned the compliments of the Maharanis of Bikaner and Dholpur.

PRESIDENT: I may add that the experiment is being copied by other administrations.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathur*): May I know why lady constables are not being employed in the moffusil?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: For certain delicate reasons they are not sent to the moffusil.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether there are no women culprits in the moffusil.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: There are.

MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Then why are women constables not appointed there?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KAHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Even if one or two women constables are appointed in each station the cost will be very great. We are living in lean times. I do not want to impose a heavy expenditure on Government.

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MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the delicate reason will not be applicable to the head-quarters?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: No sir. The Dewan himself knows the reasons.

PRESIDENT: As a matter of fact one constable is in the family way. Such are the reasons that might arise.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know what the qualifications are for the enlistment of women as constables?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: The same academic qualifications as are prescribed for men are equally applicable for the entertainment of women constables.

Conductors in the State Transport Department.

10 * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of conductors employed in the State Transport Department; and

(*b*) the number of persons among them who have not passed any Government examinations?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) 226.

(*b*) 8

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഇതിൽ യഥാർത്ഥ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യത ഇല്ലാതെ എട്ടുപേരെ നിയമിച്ചതായി കാണുന്നു. അതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണവുമുണ്ടോ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: The reason is this. In regard to recruitment of conductors without academic qualification in the State Transport Department, men who had many years of experience acquired in services and those belonging to backward communities were the two points that were considered. When those conditions were obtained in candidates the fact whether they possessed any academical qualification was not taken into consideration. I may add that when I recruited members of backward communities I ascertained their marks in mathematics.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHN PILLAI: May I know whether there is any such rule prescribing that people who do not possess any examination qualification should not be appointed as conductors?

MR. E. G. SALTER: There is no hard and fast rule on the matter excepting that there is the general convention which I have referred to. More over the Head of the Department is competent to appoint whomsoever he considers suitable for carrying out the work efficiently.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറധ്യക്ഷന് എപ്പോഴും തോന്ന്യാസമായിട്ട് പ്രവർത്തിക്കാമെന്നാണോ ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

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Appendix IV.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 9**

Statement by caste of lady constables in Travancore.

	Head Constables.	*Constables.*
HINDU:-		
Nair	...	5
Ezhava	1	1
Pulaya (Cheramar)	...	1
Other Backward Hindu	..	3
MUSLIM:-	...	1
	1	11

Total 12.

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